## Information for File #2007-2400-RMG

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**Authorization Type** Letter of Permission: Section 404 Clean Water Act

This application has been reviewed in accordance with the practices for documenting Corps jurisdiction under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. We made an approved determination on May 10, 2007 that the aquatic resource impacted by the proposed project is regulated by the Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Our approved jurisdictional determination was posted on the St. Paul District web page at <a href="http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/">http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/</a> on May 17, 2007.

### **Project**

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE:

Milwaukee County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources have applied for Corps authorization to remove PCB contaminated sediment from the Blatz Pavilion Bay (an embayment of the Milwaukee River) located in Lincoln Park. The project will remove approximately 3,900 cubic yards of contaminated sediment from approximately 1 acre of the bay. Removed sediment would be transported and disposed of (depending on contaminant level) at either an approved landfill, or out of the state at an approved facility. Temporary construction impacts would include the construction of an equipment ramp to bring equipment over the existing bay wall, the construction of an access ramp, and the placement of a water dam along the confluence of the bay and the river channel. Post dredging, the site grade is proposed to be restored to essentially to the same grade. An existing storm sewer will be extended from the north-west corner of the bay to

preclude erosion. Backfill for grade restoration would include a clean base layer of rock with a cap of clean sand. This is the first of two projects intended to clean up contaminated sediment in the Lincoln Park area. A larger project is expected to follow that would remove contaminated sediment from the ox bow island area immediately north of the bay.

# NAME, AREA AND TYPES OF WATERS (INCLUDING WETLANDS) SUBJECT TO LOSS:

The Blatz Pavilion Bay was determined (May 10, 2007) to be a "water of the United States" subject to regulation pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Approximately 1 acre (the entire bay) would be dredged and backfilled as a result of this project. The Milwaukee River in this location is on the Environmental Protection Agency's list of impaired waters in Wisconsin (the 303(d) list).

#### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

The purpose of this project is to remediate the contamination in the Blatz Pavilion Bay. No action and capping alternatives were considered. However, the no action alternative would not meet the goal of the project, and capping was determined to be a less environmentally sound means for remediation. The Lincoln Park area has been identified as containing the largest concentration of PCB's in the Milwaukee River basin.

# PROJECT INVOLVES: POTENTIAL WISCONSIN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE CONCERNS:

By means of this notice, we are coordinating this application with the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office. A search conducted on the Wisconsin Historical Society database confirms the presence of several cultural sites in the area (MI-0127, MI-0221, MI-335, and MI-0129). We also note that the area was investigated previously (Bibliography of Archaeological Records file 1378). It is the Corps opinion that the work proposed is not likely to affect any cultural resources eligible for, or included in, the National Register of Historic Places. The proposed work would not result in the removal or disruption of soils not previously impacted during bay construction. Further, the existing bay wall (not noted during our database search) would not be permanently impacted. Temporary construction impacts related to equipment movements have been designed to eliminate any direct wall impacts (a ramp would be constructed over the wall, to be removed upon project completion). Further, the temporary equipment ramp is not anticipated to result in any undue weight loading which may contribute to structural instability of the wall.

#### **COMPENSATORY MITIGATION:**

No compensatory mitigation has been required by the Corps of Engineers for this project.

**Drawings** See attached pages 2007-2400-RMG 1 of 3 to 3 of 3.





